

United States. We allied ourselves both with bin Laden and Hussein in the 1980s, only to regret it in the 1990s. And it is safe to say we have used billions of U.S. dollars in the last 50 years pursuing this contradictory, irrational, foolish, costly and very dangerous foreign policy.

Policing the world, spreading democracy by force, nation-building and frequent bombing of countries that pose no threat to us, while leaving the homeland and our borders unprotected, result from a foreign policy that is contradictory and not in our self-interest.

I can hardly expect anyone in Washington to pay much attention to my concerns. But if I am completely wrong in my criticism, nothing is lost except my time and energy expended in efforts to get others to reconsider our foreign policy.

But the bigger question is, what if I am right, or even partially right, and we urgently need to change course in our foreign policy for the sake of our national and economic security, yet no one pays attention?

For that, a price will be paid. Is it not worth talking about?

RESIGNATION AS A MEMBER OF HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the House Committee on International Relations.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 26, 2005.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Office of the Speaker, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Please consider this letter as my resignation, as of this date, as a member of the House Committee on International Relations. I have appreciated the opportunity to serve as a member of this committee and have enjoyed my eight years of service.

With every good wish, I am
Sincerely yours,

JOHN M. MCHUGH,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TIBERI). Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Effective today, January 26, 2005, I am resigning from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

RICK G. RENZI,
U.S. Congressman,
1st District of Arizona.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 11 of rule X, clause 11 of rule I, and the order of the House of January 4, 2005, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:

Mr. LAHOOD, Illinois
Mr. CUNNINGHAM, California
Mr. EVERETT, Alabama
Mr. GALLEGLY, California
Mrs. WILSON, New Mexico
Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS, Virginia,
Mr. THORNBERRY, Texas
Mr. MCHUGH, New York
Mr. TIAHRT, Kansas
Mr. ROGERS, Michigan
Mr. RENZI, Arizona
Mr. HASTINGS, Florida
Mr. REYES, Texas
Mr. BOSWELL, Iowa
Mr. CRAMER, Alabama
Ms. ESHOO, California
Mr. HOLT, New Jersey
Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Maryland
Mr. TIERNEY, Massachusetts

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for January 25 and today.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. WOOLSEY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. MCDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. BIGGERT) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. BIGGERT, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. FLAKE, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. GOHMERT, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. MALONEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. BARROW, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Accordingly, pursuant to the previous order of the House of today, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Friday, January 28, 2005, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its adoption of House Concurrent Resolution 21, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

Thereupon (at 2 o'clock and 35 minutes p.m.), pursuant to the previous order of the House of today, the House adjourned until 2 p.m. on Friday, January 28, 2005, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its adoption of House Concurrent Resolution 21, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

321. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Change in the Minimum Maturity Requirements for Fresh Grapefruit [Docket No. FV05-905-1 IFR] received January 7, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

322. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Establishment of Final Free and Restricted Percentages for the 2004-2005 Marketing Year [Docket No. FV05-982-1 IFR] received January 7, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

323. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Poultry Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Voluntary Shell Egg Grading Regulations — Facilities and Equipment [Docket No. PY-03-005] (RIN: 0581-AC33) received January 7, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

324. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Livestock and Seed Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Lamb Promotion and Research Program: Procedures for the Conduct of a Referendum [No. LS-04-06] received January 10, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

325. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Dairy Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Milk in the Appalachian, Florida, and Southeast Marketing Areas; Order Amending the Orders [Docket No. AO-388-A16, AO-356-A38, and AO-366-A45; DA-04-07] received January 10, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

326. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture,